

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking on the
Establishment of a Public Purpose Program
Surcharge Pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 1002.

Rulemaking 02-10-001

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

Summary

This ruling sets a prehearing conference (PHC) for February 5, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. At the PHC respondents¹ and interested parties should be prepared to discuss the need, if any, for evidentiary hearings, or workshops, on the issues identified in Rulemaking (R.) 02-10-001.

Discussion

R.02-10-001 addresses gas surcharge policy issues as authorized by Assembly Bill (AB) 1002, and seeks to adopt a long-term framework for implementing AB 1002. Respondents and interested parties filed comments, and reply comments, on November 12, and November 27, 2002, respectively, on the gas surcharge and program administration issues identified in R.02-10-001. Some parties recommend evidentiary hearings, while other parties recommend

¹ Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), San Diego Gas and Electric Company (SDG&E), Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas), Avista Utilities, Alpine Natural Gas Operating Company, Southwest Gas Corporation and West Coast Gas Company.

scheduling one or more workshops to resolve gas surcharge and administration issues.

The purpose of the PHC will be to:

1. Identify any factual issues that will necessitate holding evidentiary hearings.
2. Determine whether one or more workshops are necessary to resolve the gas surcharge and administration issues identified in R.02-10-001.
3. Determine the issues to be addressed in any workshops.
4. Determine a schedule, if necessary, for evidentiary hearings or workshops.
5. Establish a service list of parties to the proceeding.
6. Identify and discuss any other procedural issues.

IT IS RULED that a prehearing conference is set for February 5, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Courtroom, State Office Building, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California, for the purposes described above.

Dated January 3, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

Bruce DeBerry
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Setting Prehearing Conference on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated January 3, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

Teresita C. Gallardo

N O T I C E

Parties should notify the Process Office, Public Utilities Commission, 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2000, San Francisco, CA 94102, of any change of address to insure that they continue to receive documents. You must indicate the proceeding number on the service list on which your name appears.

The Commission's policy is to schedule hearings (meetings, workshops, etc.) in locations that are accessible to people with disabilities. To verify that a particular location is accessible, call: Calendar Clerk (415) 703-1203.

If specialized accommodations for the disabled are needed, e.g., sign language interpreters, those making the arrangements must call the Public Advisor at (415) 703-2074, TTY 1-866-836-7825 or (415) 703-5282 at least three working days in advance of the event.